

[FRL-5554-3]

Oxyfuels Information Needs**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a final report titled, Oxyfuels Information Needs (EPA/600/R-96/069), developed by joint effort of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Research and Development (ORD), Office of Air and Radiation, and Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances. The purpose of this document is to highlight the types of information needed to improve scientific understanding of the environmental risks and benefits of oxygenated gasoline and reformulated gasoline (collectively designated as "oxyfuels") in relation to conventional fuels.

DATES: The document was completed June 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Oxyfuels Information Needs is available via the Internet on the ORD Home Page (<http://www.epa.gov/ORD/WebPubs/oxyfuels>). Interested parties also can access the document electronically on the Agency's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) Technology Transfer Network (TTN) Bulletin Board System (BBS). The telephone number for the TTN BBS is (919) 541-5742. To access the bulletin board, a modem and communications software are necessary. The following parameters on the communications software are required: Data Bits—8; Parity—N; and Stop Bits—1. If assistance is needed in accessing the system, call the help desk at (919) 541-5384 in Research Triangle Park, NC.

A copy of the report is also available for public inspection at the EPA Library, EPA Headquarters, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC. EPA Library hours are from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

The document may be purchased from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) by calling (703) 487-4650 or sending a facsimile to (703) 321-8547. The NTIS order number for Oxyfuels Information Needs is PB96-190665.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Questions have been raised about the benefits and risks of oxygenated gasoline and reformulated gasoline ("oxyfuels"). This document highlights areas of information that would improve scientific understanding of the impacts of these fuels on the environment and public health. It emphasizes the importance of obtaining data to support quantitative assessments of oxyfuels in comparison to conventional fuels. In addition to providing some background information and outlining a general framework for comparative risk assessments of fuels, the document briefly summarizes currently available information and then focuses on work that is now underway or planned and on data needs that remain to be filled. It is intended that this broad statement of information needs will facilitate the identification and prioritization of research and comparative assessment efforts on oxyfuels and conventional fuels.

Dated: August 7, 1996.

Joseph K. Alexander,
Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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[OPPTS-44629; FRL-5391-6]**TSCA Chemical Testing; Receipt of Test Data**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's receipt of test data on tertiary amyl methyl ether (TAME) (CAS No. 994-05-8) and methyl isobutyl ketone (CAS No. 108-10-1). These data were submitted pursuant to enforceable testing consent agreements/orders issued by EPA under section 4 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Publication of this notice is in compliance with section 4(d) of TSCA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-543B, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 40 CFR 790.60, all TSCA section 4 enforceable consent agreements/orders must contain a statement that results of testing conducted pursuant to testing enforceable consent agreements/orders

will be announced to the public in accordance with section 4(d).

I. Test Data Submissions

Test data for tertiary amyl methyl ether were submitted by The American Petroleum Institute (API) on behalf of the Tertiary Amyl Methyl Ether (TAME) Consortium pursuant to a TSCA section 4 enforceable testing consent agreement/order at 40 CFR 799.5000 and were received by EPA on July 11, 1996. The submission includes two final reports entitled (1) "CHO/HGPRT Mutation Assay," and (2) "Chromosome Aberrations in Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) Cells." This chemical is widely seen as a possible additive in gasoline.

Test data for methyl isobutyl ketone were submitted by the Chemical Manufacturers Association Ketones Panel on behalf of the following sponsors: Eastman Chemical Company, Exxon Chemical Company, Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group, Inc., Rhone Poulenc Inc., Shell Chemical Company, and Union Carbide Corporation. Test data were submitted pursuant to a TSCA section 4 enforceable testing consent agreement/order at 40 CFR 799.5000 and were received by EPA on July 11, 1996. The submission includes a final report entitled "Methyl Isobutyl Ketone: A Thirteen-Week Schedule-Controlled Operant Behavior Study in the Rat." This chemical is widely used as a solvent.

EPA has initiated its review and evaluation process for these data submissions. At this time, the Agency is unable to provide any determination as to the completeness of the submissions.

II. Public Record

EPA has established a public record for this TSCA section 4(d) receipt of data notice (OPPTS-44629). This record includes copies of all studies reported in this notice. The record is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center (also known as the TSCA Public Docket Office), Rm. B-607 Northeast Mall, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2603.

List of Subjects:

Environmental protection, Test data.

Dated: August 9, 1996.

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Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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